natic Asylum, which will "absorb a heavy sum" is anticipated by the citizens of Bath.——At Taunton, it is proposed to build an Eye Infirmary.——The foundation of a new church at Watermoor, Cirencester, was laid on the 15th instant. It is to be in the early English style inclining to the later or decorated manner, from designs by Mr. Scott, the architect of the new church at Swindon.——The Poulterers' and Fishmongers' Asylum, now in course of erection at Wood Green, near Tottenham, for twenty-four decayed and aged members, will cost 3,250*l.*, site inclusive. A bequest of 1,000*l.* has been generously promised by a retired poulterer to 'assist in 'feathering the nest' of the poor old 'roosted' members.——The Fitzwilliam Syndicate, at Cambridge, have reported to the senate, in conformity with the opinion expressed by Mr. Cockerell, that the large picture-gallery and the south library of the New Museum will be ready for the reception of the Fitzwilliam collection of pictures, books, MSS., &c., in six weeks from the present time; and that the collection may be placed in them without risk of injury to it, and without obstructing the progress of the works required for the completion of the building.——New discoveries are almost daily being brought to light at the church of St. Nicholas, Yarmouth. Some sedilia and several fine arches have been discovered, and in what was formerly a part of probably "Our Lady's Chapel," on a part of the wall, is a painting of an angel, in a state so nearly perfect, as to admit of its being copied. The wall itself, like so many others, was covered with a coat of whitewash.——The consumers of gas at Mansfield, says the *Nottingham Review*, are charged 8*s.* 9*d.* per thousand, and 4*s.* per year for the use of a meter. The gas company are looked upon as a body of monopolists, and well they may. This the public will not endure another winter. The rate-payers, too, pay most heavily for their very defective street lights.——The *Review* complains of a peculiar nuisance practised, and submitted to, at Mansfield, namely, the chipping of blocks of stone in the streets by masons, who seem to regard the Mansfield streets as their prescriptive workshops, to the imminent risk of troublesome injury to those lieges who don't 'mind their eyes.'——The restoration of St. George's Church, says the *Doncaster Gazette*, has been recommenced

WESTMINSTER COURT OF SEWERS.

A GENERAL Court of Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of Westminster, was held on Friday, at the Court House, Greek-street, Soho-Square. Captain George Bague, R. N., in the chair.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last court, and the reception of petitions and memorials, the only case of importance was

The Improperly-constructed Sewer in Hereford-square, Brompton.—William Holmes, the builder, and Thomas Hemmings, his bricklayer, appeared before the court, pursuant to a summons issued a fortnight since, for having constructed a sewer of pit-sand mortar.

It will be remembered, that the question has been before the court on two or three occasions, when it was reported by the clerk of the works (Mr. Webber) that he had several times called the attention of the workmen to the improper materials used, and finally ordered that the sewer should not be proceeded with. No notice whatever was, however, taken of these orders, and the work was completed. The court subsequently ordered the work to be done according to the instructions given; but this order was equally disregarded; and the consequence was the issue of the present summons for the attendance of the builder and bricklayer to answer for the same. Specimens of the mortar used were produced in court, which the commissioners declared to be very bad, and unfit for the purpose to which it had been applied.

Mr. Holmes, in explanation, said the work had been done in his absence and without his knowledge. The subject led to a long conversation; and it was finally resolved that the bricklayer be fined in the penalty of 15*l.* forthwith; and that Mr. Holmes be fined 100*l.*, unless, within a month, he do take up and rebuild the sewer in Hereford-square, Brompton, to the entire satisfaction of the commissioners.

BUILDING NEAR DANGEROUS MANUFACTORIES.

ACCORDING to arrangement, Mr. Boulanger's case, reported in our last, came on again before Mr. Secker, at the Southwark Police Office, on the 22nd ult., for the magistrate's final decision. Mr. Ogle did not appear, but Mr. Ballantine was in attendance. Mr. Drew, on behalf of Mr. Sugden, stated, that under the advice of Mr. Ogle they required that the further proceedings in the case might be taken to the general quarter sessions. Mr. Ballantine urged the necessity of an election being made, as to which of the three houses named in the present information should form the subject of appeal, so that judgment might be given in the case of the others. After a long conversation, it was eventually agreed that the subject of the whole twenty houses should be transferred to the quarter sessions. Mr. Sugden entered into recognisances of 200*l.* to appear and prosecute the appeal to the same.*

Miscellanea.

COMMERCIAL BANKING-HOUSE, EDINBURGH.—The new premises in George-street, have at length been completed, and the business of the bank transferred to them. The principal entrance leads under a grand portico, with Corinthian columns, through a short passage into a lobby, from which a double staircase and gallery conduct to the upper apartments. The lobby is encircled by pillars painted in imitation of marble, and is lighted from the roof, which is decorated with raised and gilded plasterwork. Passing through this outer-chamber, we enter the public-office or telling-room. This apartment is of great extent, and is fitted up in a very elaborate style. It is surrounded by lofty Corinthian columns, painted like those in the lobby, and supporting an ornamented roof with an ample dome, in the decoration of which, gilding has been liberally introduced. The numerous desks, counters, &c., which cover the inner half of the ground space of the hall, are all of mahogany workmanship. Mr. D. R. Hay has executed all the painting, gilding on the ceilings, &c., and in one of the upper rooms he has introduced his new style of decorative painting, in which, by the intermingling of brilliant colours, a general effect of softened splendour is aimed at.

THE DONCASTER CHURCH RUINS are dying a very lingering death. The north wall "fell prostrate with a tremendous crash" on Wednesday week; the columns have been dilapidated; the high arch which separated the nave from the chancel has shared the same fate; yet ever and anon has some one pitying eye and pen been engaged in earnest appeal to the hitherto immoveable corporation for a respite; and at length, in the very midst of the execution of the victim, it has been magnanimously and relentingly resolved to "take down and preserve" at least a few of the joints and members of the defunct, "in order that they may be removed to any place which may in future be thought appropriate for their re-erection." First of all "three pillars and two arches"—three toes and two fingers as it were of the mangled corse—were thus to be bottled up and 'preserved,' but Mr. Fisher succeeded in fishing up a few more fragments by quietly proposing "an extension of the plan" which was at length grumblingly agreed to. Mr. Francis, the architect of the new church at Balby, had planned out a scheme for incorporating the whole in a Norman market design, but the corporation found the plan to be,—what it rather appears they ought to have found themselves to be, 'impracticable.'

The People's Important Guide for the Recovery of Debts under 20l. By T. H. Rose. Sherwood and Co.

THE assumption in the title of this pamphlet made us careless of looking into it. Doing so, however, we found it contain so many useful hints to young tradesmen beginning business, written in a good spirit, that we cannot avoid recommending it to all such. The shilling it costs may save them some pounds. It likewise contains the clauses of the new Act for the recovery of debts under 20*l.* in Local Courts.

PROJECTED WORKS.—Tenders have been called for, by advertisements issued in the past week's papers for completing the walls from the ground level, and roofing a church in the Isle of Wight; erecting a chapel and other work at the Gloucester jail; a manse, or clergyman's premises, at Allenton, North Britain; a school-room and other additions to school-house at Dunmow; a lock-up house, &c., at Wooler; public baths and washhouses at Newcastle-on-Tyne; a union workhouse, with infirmary, register offices, workshed, and other buildings, at Bridlington; a lunatic asylum at Birmingham, and a fever hospital at Bedford; also for altering flues and chimneys at Plomesgate Union Workhouse; cleaning, restoring, colouring, and painting St. Michael's Church, Southampton, and reglazing and restoring window stonework of same; excavating and erecting a gas holder tank at Stepney; erecting and constructing a gas holder there; forming sewers and land drains in Southampton Marsh, and supplying and fixing curb stones, raising Itchen Bridge and dock roads, and levelling and draining cricket ground there; also for a supply of 200 tons York paving at Bermondsey; and curb, shingle, gravel, flints, granite, and old oak at Portsea.

WESTMINSTER IMPROVEMENT ACT.—A motion for an injunction to restrain the commissioners from carrying out the objects of this Act, was craved of Lord Langdale, in the Rolls Court, on 22nd April, on the ground of breach of contract with the plaintiff, Mr. Peter Rigby Wason, the original projector of the intended line of street between the Abbey and Peter-street, Pimlico, to be carried out under this Act with the assistance of 50,000*l.* from the Woods and Forests; the Commissioners, Sir Brook William Bridges, Bart., and others, or their constituents, Mr. G. S. Taylor, the architect, and Mr. Nathaniel Mason, a solicitor, allowing the plaintiff a rent charge of 30*s.* for every foot of the 666 feet of frontage ultimately estimated as the length of the proposed new street. His lordship, however, said he could not grant an injunction to restrain commissioners from carrying out an Act of Parliament passed for public purposes, on the mere ground of a breach of private contract, so long as there was no intention on the part of such commissioners to act otherwise than as directed by their Act, which recognized no such contract.

GAS MOVEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.—On the motion of Mr. Hume, a series of searching queries are to be put to "every gas company established by Act of Parliament in the United Kingdom," regarding rates of charge, price of coals, rates per cent. of dividend, &c., for every year since 1820, or the establishment of each company; amount of fixed capital; acts establishing the company, &c.

THE BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—We have received a copy of rules proposed for a new institution, under the above title, which seem well calculated to effect the object in view. When we have the names of the parties engaged in its establishment, and hear something more of its progress, we may give it some consideration.

TENDERS.

For building six houses on Blackheath, for Mr. W. Smith.

Thomas Howard, Newington	£5,383
Lock and Nesham, Theobald's Road	5,300
W. Hill, Greenwich	4,848
Trevers and Son, Kent Road	4,770
John Goodwin, Lewisham	4,736
Joseph Heamden, Southwark	4,600
Thomas Rider, Union Street, ditto	4,580

The last accepted.

For a new house and stable at Enfield. Mr. J Wagstaff, Architect.

Barker	£998	10	0
Corne	984	18	0
Chesterman	953	0	0
Ward	860	3	9
Mayse	790	0	0

For building an addition to Warnham Church.

Bristow	£1,760
Evans	1,468
Dewdney	1,390
Bothwell,	1,360
Caronther,	1,359

The last accepted.

* We have received a letter from Mr. Sugden relative to parts of our notice of the case last week, but it came too late to be referred to our reporter.

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